Joint Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor and Chief Justice

Whereas, Mary Ellen Kebach has served the state of South Dakota through her dedicated work since October of 1968, and the South Dakota Unified Judicial System since October 1979; and,

Whereas, Mary has served four Chief Justices and three additional Justices of the South Dakota Supreme Court with distinction; and,

Whereas, Mary has mentored, assisted, laughed with, and calmed the fears of more than 75 young attorneys serving as law clerks for the South Dakota Supreme Court; and,

Whereas, Mary is a devoted wife, sister, aunt, friend, mother to four daughters, Julie, Brandi, Lyndi, and Kari, and grandmother to five grandchildren, Jake, Elyse, Evelyn, Eli,and Will; and,

Whereas, Mary exhibits great pride, enthusiasm, and a generous spirit in both her personal life and career by participating in community activities and supporting both her friends, family, and coworkers; and,

Whereas, Mary will now have more time to show her husband, Casey, who the best fisherman in the family really is; and,

Whereas, Mary will retire after more than 44 years of service to the state of South Dakota on April 8, 2013, and for this commitment she will be honored on April 5, 2013:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard Governor of the state of South Dakota, and ***David Gilbertson***, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 5, 2013, as

MARY ELLEN KEBACH DAY

in South Dakota, and join her colleagues, friends , and family as they recognize and congratulate her on a long and successful career, and also wish her a long, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

David Gilbertson, Chief Justice

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State